by Ministry. One estimate amounting to Rs. 34.49 lakh is under consideration in the Ministry. State PWD of UP has submitted 14 estimates amounting to Rs. 749.92 lakh during 2007-08. Out of these 13 estimates amounting to Rs. 349.16 lakh have been sanctioned by the Ministry. One estimate amounting to Rs. 24.12 lakh is under consideration in the Ministry.

(d) and (e) During 2007-08, Rs. 8.92 crore and Rs. 4.06 crore have been allocated for Flood Damage Repair works in respect of Rajasthan and U.P. States respectively;

(f) and (g) The allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of National Highways in the country is nearly 40% of the amount required as per norms. National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources.

Resurfacing of Vadodara-Surat NH

2266. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has represented to NHAI regarding need of urgent resurfacing of Vadodara-Surat National Highway;

(b) if so, by when this work would be taken up;

(c) whether it is a fact that travel time of three hours has increased to five hours on account of bad condition of road between Vadodara and Surat; and

(d) if so, the action taken by NHAI to prevent frequent breakdown of vehicles and traffic jams taking place on account of bad condition of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, The urgent resurfacing work on scattered badly damaged stretches due to heavy rains in aggregate length of 70 Km. has been completed.

(c) As significant sections suffered damages during the monsoon due to heavy rainfall/ flood and owning to repair work and widening work on Vadodara-Surat section requiring traffic regulation and diversions, there is some increas in travel time on occasions.

(d) The section is already under construction for 6 laning on BOT basis and is targeted to be completed July 2009. This project also includes various improvements like provision of flyovers at major junctions, ROBs on Railways crossing, pedestrian underpasses etc. which will improve the riding comfort and reduce congestion on this section.

Delhi-Jaipur expressway

†2267. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: DR.
PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Finance had announced construction of expressway from Delhi to Jaipur in his budget speech 2006-07; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.